

UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 10:
Al Olson
Dallas Arboretum: "Behind the Scenes"

January 17:
Earnest Burke
MLK Presentation

January 24:
Dewy Elliot, COO
Trident Response Group

January 31:
Karla Oliver
Plano ISD "Teacher of the Year"

February 7:
Lorraine Brock
President, Get Organized

February 14:
Octavio Ortiz
Four Way Test Contest

February 21:
Earnest Burke
Black History Month
Meeting Adjourns @1:30

February 28:
Mayor Phil Dyer
State of the City

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Hammel, David	Jan 01
Little, Pamela	Jan 04
Via, Jo	Jan 05
Anderson, James	Jan 08
Curtis, Jerry	Jan 12
McWhorter, David	Jan 15
Aris, Jerry	Jan 17
Showalter, L. B.	Jan 17
Millender, Sherman	Jan 19
Brodhead, John	Jan 20
Burton, James	Jan 21
Feigenbaum, Alan	Jan 21



Annual Rotary Foundation Appeal

The old year has gone, and the New Year is upon us, yet the **Sainted Editor** is still roaming the Southern Hemisphere, leaving the Weekly Reader in the hands of his back-up team. Even Lori has now returned to her knitting, presumably believing that her beloved Aggies have had enough publicity.

Despite the critical absentee, the same old gang assembled again to be harangued about their charitable contributions to the Rotary Foundation while simultaneously celebrating our numerous new Paul Harris Awards.

Arriving members were greeted by **John Caldwell**, Lori's guest and potential new member, who obviously does not believe in allowing any grass to grow under his feet in assuming club responsibilities.

Lenny gaveled us into a semblance of order at 12:16, wishing us collectively a Happy New Year and treating us to a series of three quotes from **Mahatma Gandhi** on the subject of service. "That Service is the noblest that is rendered for its own sake." "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." "Consciously or unconsciously everyone of us does render some service or another. If we cultivate the habit of doing this service deliberately, our desire for service will steadily grow stronger and will make not only for our own happiness but that of the world at large."

Ean Sullivan, exalted District Governor Elect, was called upon to pray for us and urge new resolutions to make the world a better place in this time of new beginnings, and **Gerald Brence** led us in the pledge. Lenny remembered to recognize John Caldwell's service as greeter.

With obvious reluctance Lenny extended congratulations to Johnny Manziel, mis-identifying the Texas A&M Quarterback as a Texas Tech player, for his receipt of the Heisman Trophy, while expressing his regret that the Ag-

gie's award was overshadowed by the National Championship earned simultaneously by the University of Texas women's volleyball team.

Reedy Signer was called upon to introduce our visiting rotarians and guests. Among our visitors was **Kent Stone**, our very own Assistant District Governor, here to keep an eye on us.

Nathan Barbera then took the podium to announce the winner of the club's Fantasy Football competition. Honoring tradition, Nathan first noted that the last place finisher, with a record of 4-13, was athletic director Gerald Brence. After appropriate humiliation of the last place finisher, Nathan revealed the 16-1 first place finish of winner **Kyle Walters**. Nathan suggested that Kyle was in line for the **BRASS BALLS** award for his having the cojones to make the selection at the beginning of the season of highly questionable Adrian Peterson and Peyton Manning, both of whom performed magnificently after many doubts at the outset due to their recent surgeries. However, Nathan noted that an asterisk would be appended to this year's title due to Kyle's reliance upon his team general manager and son **Travis Walters**, who managed the draft. Travis, who is in the eighth grade at Otto, took the podium to share in the acceptance of the trophy.

Kyle pointed out that his willingness to delegate authority was a good example to Jerry Jones in how to run a football team.

Kyle also admitted that Travis was a free agent with respect to next season. Ean was heard to mutter pitifully that his second-place finish had gone unnoted.

Birthdays of the week were recognized. David Hammel on January 1, Pamela Little on January 4, Jo Via on January 5 and James Anderson on January 8. Pam's monetary contribution



celebrating her birthday was received gratefully.

Perfect attendance pins were awarded to **Gary Basham** for 19 years and **Charles Milby** for 15 years.

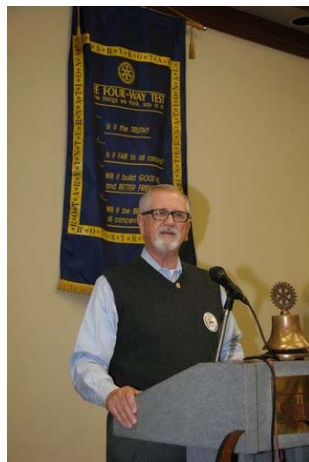


Lenny celebrated **Larry Bisno's** progression from red to blue badge. He noted that Bisno had almost set a record for speed in accomplishing all the required activities for the elevation to blue badge status, except for the fact that Jan Sullivan had satisfied all the blue badge memberships before being inducted as a member.

Jim Cooper made an appeal for 8 to 10 volunteers to form an audio team to set up and take down our wireless audio system as required. Jim promised potential candidates that the job would require only about 10 minutes at front and again at back, and minimal skills were required. An attempt from the peanut gallery to draft Ean for the job was defeated by Ean's flimsy excuse that his duties as District Governor might interfere. However, anyone who is not to be District Governor next year is urged to contact Jim Cooper.

Bob Pikna rose to report great participation in our Rotary Socials that are drawing crowds of 20 to 25 members. He reminded the members of the next Rotary Social on Tuesday, January 22, 5:00 p.m., at the Plano Quaker Steak & Lube located at 5584 SH 121 (at Parkwood), Plano 75074. The Rotary members at this social will constitute a VIP group, so Bob requests that reservations be made in advance through Lynette.

Gary Basham took the podium to award a raft of **Paul Harris Awards**, and he called on Glenn Rowe, the new District 5810 Rotary Foundation Chairman, to share the podium with him during the awards. Basham initially made an unsuccessful effort to work from notes, but they were quickly abandoned. Winging it, with continuing help from the floor, Gary reminded us of the great work of the Rotary Foundation that is supported by the contributions



of the Paul Harris Fellows. He then handed out fellowships to **Charla Fletcher** and **Marcy Wilson**, workers at the Hendrick Foundation Golf Tournament who

were recommended by Dr. Hendrick. **Casey Stewart** was recognized for his initial Paul Harris award. **Howard Shapiro** received his second (+1) Paul Harris. **John Priest** came up for his third (+2) Paul Harris. **Octavio Ortiz** climaxed the presentations with his fourth (+3) Paul Harris Fellowship.



Then **Glenn Rowe** took the stage as our principal speaker. Glenn has recently been named **District 5810 Rotary Foundation Chairman**, replacing Larry Webb who is moving on up into the future District Governor lineup. This job qualifies Glenn to make a pitch to all the clubs for Rotary Foundation contributions, and our club was treated to his seventh speech on the subject. Glenn is a CPA who moved to District 5810 from Houston District 5890 two years ago. Glenn has been a Rotarian for thirty years. In the Houston District he served as an Assistant District Governor and as District Chairman for Membership, Interact, Rotaract, Vocational Service and the 4-Way Test Contest. He served as a member of the District Committees for Membership, Foundation, Grants, Finance and on the Audit Committee. Glenn was a Trainer with the Gulf Coast Leadership Institute (counterpart to our RILI) for 3 years. Glenn has hosted 10 GSE teams, and he has hosted 12 Youth Exchange students. He traveled to Mexico, Guatemala, Poland and England on Rotary projects, and he has another trip planned to Nicaragua this Spring. Glenn has been married to Vicki for 35 years, and they have 2 beautiful daughters and one beautiful granddaughter.

Glenn told us he was at the club to "beg for money" for the Foundation. He pointed out that we were fortunate to be in America with the best-fed, best-housed, best-educated and most free people in the world. Fifty percent of the wealth of the planet is held by the United States. As a result, we are the most generous and philanthropic. The IRS reports that \$300 billion (\$1000 per person) is given to charity annually. Our charitable contributions equal the GNP of the 30th largest national economy in the world, out of 190 countries. In addition to our financial contributions, if we were paid minimum wage for our unpaid charitable work, we could not afford us. Americans go all over the world in disaster relief efforts. We have no choice but to step up to the challenge, because as Americans we do that.

We are especially lucky for Rotary, the premier service club in the world. Rotary does anything to attack problems, and each of us is a part of it. If we as Rotarians see an issue, we can bring it to Rotary and take action. Rotary supports us in our charitable endeavors. Every Rotary charitable program came from the determination of one Rotarian to solve a problem. The worldwide Polio Plus program came about due to the determination of one doctor in the Philippines. He originally had the goal of eradication of polio in the Philippines, and

Rotary International got behind his efforts, attracting United Nations Support and philanthropists such as Bill Gates. We as Rotarians can change the world. We must not underestimate ourselves. We are only restricted by our lack of imagination.

Our thoughts, time and imagination are half of our effort, but the other half is the contribution of our wealth. The Rotary Foundation needs continual financial nourishment. Every Paul Harris Fellowship awarded today represents a \$1000 contribution to the Foundation. But we must not reach that goal and stop. We must continue to make charitable contributions to the Foundation as done by our members receiving their second, third and fourth Fellowships today. Paul Harris sustaining contributions are included on the invoices from the club, and members need to continue to pay those contributions.



Glen's chairmanship of the District Rotary Foundation is for a three-year term. His minimal goal is a \$100 annual contribution from every Rotarian in the District. Our District has about 3000 Rotarians, so that will result in \$300,000 annual philanthropy. That \$300,000 would be enough to get Glen off the rubber chicken circuit. He urges that we write

the check for charitable contributions. Second, make a commitment to give \$1000 every year. The contributions can be set up as auto-debits, and the cost is less than most of us spend annually at Starbucks. Third, put the Rotary Foundation in your will for a legacy after your demise. You won't miss it.

Glen also appealed to us to spend the Foundation's money. The Rotary Foundation invests the contributions received for three years, covering administrative expenses from the interest earned during the three years, and then spends 100% of the original contribution in charities. One half of the contribution from our District comes back to the District for local welfare work. That means that Ean will have about \$150,000 to spend at the District level. \$75,000 of that money is dedicated to come back to the clubs to fund their District Grants. Glen represents that the new rules this year will make the District Grants much easier to obtain and spend for local needs.

Glen concluded his appeal for our money at 12:55, only to learn that Lenny had no dog tag for him from Operation Once In A Lifetime, and Glen was sent away with a promise of a dog tag later.

President Schwartz, back in control of the microphone, reminded us that over 90% of our members are Paul Harris Fellows, and it is a major goal of our club to reach 100% Paul Harris Fellows, thus eternally enshrining the Plano Rotary Club in the list of 100% Paul Harris clubs. Lenny noted that our club has given over \$100,000 in contributions in the first six months of this club year, benefiting the Hendrick Foundation, the Children's Medical Center, the Wheelchair Foundation, etc. Lenny expressed the hope that we would match that \$100,000 in the next six months.

Lenny then led us to recite the Four Way Test and belled the meeting to a timely conclusion.

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Of the things we think, say, and do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill & better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Member NEWS

Guest

Charla Fletcher
Marcy Wilson
Lori Geer
John Caldwell

Guest Of

Rutledge Haggard
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Lori Roberts

New Member Proposal:

Larry Bisno
Classification: Health Care
Proposed by: John Ernst

Sara Akers
Classification: Children's
Theater
Proposed by: Larry Flannery

AWARDS:

Athena Award:
Camille Ussery
Citizen of the Year:
Jamie Schell
Outstanding Corporate
Citizen of the Year:
The Shops at Willow Bend
(Octavio & his team)

Visiting Rotarian

Kent Stone
Maranne Elwell
George Elwell

Home Club

Richardson Rotary
North Texas Pioneers
Plano Sunrise

James Burton
Classification: Telecommunications
Proposed by: John Pittman

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